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SOURCE ad-DusturPERSECUTION OF MOSLEMS IN CHINA

[Comment: ad-Dustur, Basra daily newspaper and organ of Nuri as-Said's Hizb al-Ittihad ad-Dusturi (Constitutional Union Party), published an article in its 14 September 1953 issue, in which it commented on a report that Mao Tse-tung was of Moslem origin. The article states that Mao Tse-tung is a Buddhist and refutes the claim of his Moslem origin by highlighting the persecution of Moslems in China and the USSR. The following is the refutation of that claim as it appeared in ad-Dustur.]

Several Arabic newspapers recently reported a French author [not identified] as claiming that Mao Tse-tung, China's dictator was of Moslem origin. There is absolutely no basis for such a claim; for had Mao Tse-tung really been a Moslem, then how can anybody explain the large-scale persecutions carried out by his regime against China's Moslems? Judging from the reports we have, the following are but a few samples of the persecution campaign:

1. The Communist confiscation of all real estate belonging to Islamic religious institutions in Sinkiang.
2. The Communist confiscation of the personal property of Moslems living in Sinkiang, which led to the migration of thousands of Moslems.
3. The Communist outlawing of all Islamic religious instruction throughout China.
4. The Communist closing of all Moslem schools in China.
5. The Communist conversion of mosques and Islamic holy places in Turkestan, into community property, as part of the confiscation campaign against the Moslems there.

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6. The Communist prevention of the holy pilgrimage to Mecca by Chinese Moslems.

It is interesting to note that this Communist persecution of the Moslems in China is only one example of the unbearably miserable conditions under which the Moslems are living throughout the "Soviet paradise." It is also significant that the USSR itself has not allowed its Moslem citizens to make the holy pilgrimage to Mecca since the intensification of the Communist campaign against the Moslems of Central Asia, after World War II.

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